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SUBJECT:POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL OF CHILE FROM COMMITTEE OF 24

REF: A) USUN 3729 (NOTAL); B) STATE 236854 (NOTAL)

1. REFTELS REPORTED INTENTION OF CHILE TO WITHDRAW FROM  
UN COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION (COMMITTEE OF 24) AND  
POINTED OUT NEGATIVE IMPACT ON US INTERESTS IF CHILE  
SHOULD BE REPLACED BY A COUNTRY LIKELY TO ABSTAIN OR  
VOTE AGAINST THE US POSITION ON THE QUESTION OF THE  
CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO BY THAT COMMITTEE. HAD THE  
ISSUE COME TO A VOTE THIS YEAR WE BELIEVE THE COMMITTEE  
WOULD HAVE VOTED 11-10-3 TO ADJOURN THE COMMITTEE MEETING  
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WITHOUT A VOTE ON A RESOLUTION. THAT MOTION WOULD HAVE

FAILED IN THE EVENT OF A TIE. THE LINE-UP ON A RESOLUTION  
APPEARS LESS FAVORABLE THAN ON A PROCEDURAL MOTION.

2. WE HAVE DECIDED THAT USUN SHOULD ASK CHILEANS NOT TO  
WITHDRAW FROM COMMITTEE BEFORE SUITABLE REPLACEMENT IS  
FOUND AND THAT USUN SHOULD CONTACT COSTA RICAN DELEGATION  
TO SOLICIT THEIR PARTICIPATION ON THE COMMITTEE OR THEIR  
ASSISTANCE IN FINDING A SUITABLE REPLACEMENT IF CHILE  
WITHDRAWS. IN DISCUSSING THE MATTER WITH COSTA RICA

USUN SHOULD EXPRESS US INTEREST IN HAVING POSSIBLE  
VACANCY FILLED BY RESPONSIBLE NATION, PARTICULARLY IN  
VIEW OF CLOSE DIVISION IN COMMITTEE ON PUERTO RICO  
QUESTION. ADDITIONAL POINTS ARE THAT COSTA RICA MAY SEE  
PARTICIPATION ON THE COMMITTEE AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
CONTRIBUTE USEFULLY TO DECOLONIZATION QUESTIONS,  
STRENGTHEN WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER THIRD WORLD  
COUNTRIES AND PROVIDE BALANCE TO AN IMPORTANT COMMITTEE.  
AS A WELL ESTABLISHED LIBERAL DEMOCRACY WITH NO RECORD  
OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, NO OBVIOUS AX TO GRIND ON  
DECOLONIZATION QUESTIONS, A MODERATE BUT INDEPENDENT  
FOREIGN POLICY AND A RESPECTED UN MISSION, COSTA RICA  
SHOULD BE ABLE TO GAIN LATIN AMERICAN GROUP ENDORSEMENT  
WITHOUT UNDUE CONTROVERSY. USUN SHOULD POINT OUT THAT WE  
DO NOT WISH TO BE SEEN WITHIN THE REGIONAL GROUP AS  
PROMOTING COSTA RICAN CANDIDACY AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO  
LOBBY, BUT WE HOPE COSTA RICA WILL EITHER SEEK THE SEAT  
IF IT BECOMES VACANT OR HELP FIND A RESPONSIBLE ALTERNATE.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH CHILEAN DELEGATION, USUN SHOULD  
POINT OUT THAT WHILE ON BALANCE WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE  
A MISTAKE FOR CHILE TO FURTHER ISOLATE ITSELF IN THE UN,  
THIS IS A QUESTION THAT GOC MUST RESOLVE WITHOUT US  
INTERFERENCE. POINT SHOULD BE MADE THAT THERE ARE  
POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR A POTENTIAL VACANCY WHICH COULD  
BE EXPECTED TO PLAY RESPONSIBLE ROLE AND THAT WE HOPE  
THAT IF CHILE DECIDES TO WITHDRAW IT WILL NOT DO SO  
UNTIL A SUITABLE REPLACEMENT IS FOUND.

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